

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2020 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Inspection Date: July 20, 2020

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INTRODUCTION

The 2020 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services would normally consist of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. Due to the covid-19 global pandemic, we conducted one on-site facility inspection, along with staff and youth interviews, an audit of the state detention standards, and conducted testing on the candlelight levels and ventilation in accordance to the standards requirement.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2020, for their 24th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Hamilton
Governing authority:	Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander
Detention Director:	Angela Houston, Lieutenant
Detention facility's mission:	To provide our youth with a safe, secure and healthy environment through positive reinforcement; and provide the youth with an opportunity for behavioral change through various programs.
Rated capacity:	27
Population on date of first audit:	4
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	8
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	16 days
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Paint/touch-up throughout the facility. Chalkboard paint added to general population cells for juvenile use (home-like setting). Ordered & purchased new suicide gowns and more recreational equipment. Table and chairs added to library.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	Rivets placed in all the holes in bunks throughout the facility.
De-escalation techniques training:	Tools for de-escalation
Physical force techniques training:	Close Quarter Combat Protective Training
Chemical agents permitted:	Yes
Name of food service provider:	Hamilton Co Jail
Name of food service supervisor:	Cindy Girtman
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Advanced Correctional Healthcare
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Advanced Correctional Healthcare
Education Services:	Creating a classroom environment that fosters, promotes and develops an understanding of the relationship of healthy body function and exercise; that motivates each student to cultivate physical fitness, and appropriate social and emotional adjustment; that discovers and develop talents of students in physical achievement; and that develops strength, skill, agility and coordination in individual,

	dual and team physical activities and sports, in accordance with each student's ability.
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Hamilton County 2020 Audit

Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u>
On-Site Visit Conducted: July 20, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Terrie Decker, and Kristin Herrmann (Inspection) Terrie Decker (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Ashley Horning. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Two youth were interviewed. Two males were interviewed because there were not any females present.
Youth Responses:	Each youth stated that they felt safe in the facility environment and that everything was in working order. They both confirmed that they had participated in fire drills while present. Neither youth had any concerns about medical. One had requested medical and was satisfied with the care they received.
Staff Interviews:	Two line staff were interviewed and one with control room experience.
Staff Responses:	Both staff stated that they received fire extinguisher and emergency evacuation training when hired. They went through the process of emergency evacuation. One said that the youth will grab blankets to wrap around their head and exit. All cells, even those that should be empty, will be opened and count will then be conducted. They explained that all movement is typed into the permanent log on the housing units. Both staff said that cuffs are a part of their uniform and

	they have approval through the training that they learned, but that they try not to use cuffs. They both said that they received health and mental health training. Lastly, the explained the process when a youth comes in needing to detoxify from alcohol, opiates, and other stimulants. The youth is medically cleared and then they will be placed into a padded room for their safety until cleared.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, Education Standards
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 70
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Two youth were interviewed. Two males were interviewed because there were not any females present.
Youth Responses:	Both youth said that the staff did perform regular checks on them while in their rooms. They confirmed that they had received a facility handbook and agreed with the rules and punishments. One youth said that they had contact with their probation officer and the video conference was made private. One youth had attended the school program and said that they liked it.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 52
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Two youth were interviewed. Two males were interviewed because there were not any females present.
Youth Responses:	Both youth said that the food provided was okay and would give it a five on a scale 1-10. They confirmed that they receive three, regularly scheduled meals a day, with two of them being hot. They said that they did receive all the necessary items when going through intake. Both said that they receive clean bedding once a week and a clean set of clothing every day. Both felt that their medical and mental health were taken seriously and kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>61 Administration Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 60
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	8-3-40
Recommended Action:	This standard was found in non-compliance, because they do not require pre-employment physicals which does not meet the needs of the standard.

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 99.54% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with the 2020 Indiana

Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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